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SUBJ: ECEVIT PRESS CONFERENCE 1000 HOURS TURKISH TIME

1. FOL IS UNOFFICIAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF TRANSCRIPT PRIMIN  
ECEVIT 1000 HOURS PRESS CONFERENCE: "IT HAS BEEN UNDERSTOOD  
THAT NO RESULT WILL BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND THE  
GOALS ESTABLISHED BY THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AT THIS CONFERENCE ARE  
AND WILL BE PREVENTED BY THE GREEK GOVT AND GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINIS-  
TRATION. THIS MORNING TURKISH ARMED FORCES BEGAN TO COMPLY WITH THE  
DUTY THAT BEFALLS THEM IN CYPRUS. THE GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS HAVE  
NOT AGREED TO ENGAGE IN SERIOUS TALKS ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS OF  
THE CYPRUS STATE. IN FACT THEY HAVE STALLED THE CONFERENCE  
CLAIMING THAT THE CONFERENCE HAD NO AUTHORITY THIS DESPITE THE CLARITY

OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS."

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2. "THEY HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH ANY OF THE DUTIES REQUIRED BY THE

GENEVA DECLARATION. THEY HAVE TRAMPLED ON THE EXPLICIT PROVISIONS OF THE DECLARATION, ON INTERNATIONAL RULES OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS, AND HAVE CONTINUED TO TREAT UNARMED AND DEFENSELESS TURKISH COMMUNITIES AS PRISONERS AND HOSTAGES IN EVERY PLACE WHERE THEY COULD. AFTER THE SECOND PHASE OF GENEVA CONFERENCE BEGAN, DESPITE THEIR PROMISE THAT TURKS WOULD BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO THEIR AREAS, RESIDENCES AND VILLAGES AND THAT THESE PLACES WOULD BE EVACUATED BY THE GREEK NATIONAL GUARD, AFTER ONLY SEVERAL LIMITED EVACUATIONS IN A FEW PLACES, THEY ANNOUNCED TO THE ENTIRE WORLD, AS IF IN DEFIANCE OF ALL HUMANITARIAN CONCEPTS, THAT THEY WILL NOT COMPLY WITH THEIR PROMISES AND OBLIGATIONS AND WILL NOT RELEASE THE PERSONS THEY WERE HOLDING AS HOSTAGES."

3. "IN ADDITION, DESPITE THE EXPLICIT PROVISION OF THE GENEVA DECLARATION, THE GREEK GOVT IN A STATEMENT ISSUED YESTERDAY, ATTEMPTED

TO PORTRAY THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES ON THE ISLAND AS AN OCCUPATION POWER AND CLAIMED THAT THE EVACUATION OF THESE FORCES SHOULD BE THE FIRST STEP. THE GREEK GOVT HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT ONLY AFTER THIS EVACUATION WILL THEY WITHDRAW THE GREEK OFFICERS AND TROOPS." THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS THAT THEIR PRESENCE ON THE ISLAND IS TO ANNEX CYPRUS TO GREECE BY FAIT ACCOMPLI BRINGING ABOUT AN ILLEGITIMATE SITUATION."

4. "THIS IS ANOTHER EVIDENCE OF THE ULTERIOR MOTIVE OF THE GREEK GOVT THAT IT HAD NEVER INTENDED TO COMPLY WITH THE GENEVA DECLARATION THAT BEARS ITS OWN SIGNATURE. THE GREEK GOVT, AS WELL AS THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION, MADE EVERY EFFORT TO VOID THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND ALL DECISIONS TAKEN AT THIS CONFERENCE. THEY DID EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO MAINTAIN THE ORDER, OR RATHER THE LACK OF ORDER IN CYPRUS, AND TO RENDER TURKEY, WHO INTERVENED IN THIS ILLEGITIMATE STATUS AS A GUARANTOR COUNTRY, INEFFECTIVE."

5. "THE GENEVA AGREEMENT IS A WHOLE. THE PROVISION FOR A CEASEFIRE, WHICH IS INCLUDED IN THIS WHOLE, HAS BEEN COMPLIED WITH TO A GREAT EXTENT DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE TURKISH REQUEST FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SECURITY ZONE, WHICH IS A DEFINITE RESPONSIBILITY, WAS NOT COMPLIED WITH. HOWEVER, THE GREEK GOVT AND  
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GREEK CYPRIOT GOVT PERSISTED IN VIOLATING THE PROVISIONS WHICH ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SECURITY ON THE ISLAND. IN VIEW OF THIS SITUATION, THE OBLIGATION OF TURKEY TO COMPLY

WITH THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, AS A GUARANTOR COUNTRY, NO LONGER EXISTS."

6. "TURKEY, WHICH REALIZED THE FACT THAT TO MAINTAIN THE APPEARANCE OF CONTINUING IN THIS CONFERENCE, DECISIONS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN UNILATERALLY VIOLATED AND ACTIVITIES OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY

PREVENTED, WILL CAUSE HARM RATHER THAN GOOD, AND FEELS THE NECESSITY OF UNILATERALLY COMPLYING WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROTECTING THE RIGHTS AND SECURITY OF TURKISH CYPRIOT PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS STATE AS A REQUIREMENT OF ITS AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES AS A GUARANTOR COUNTRY."

7. "THE PRESENT OPERATION OF TURKEY IS AS MUCH JUSTIFIED AND LEGAL AS THE OPERATION IT UNDERTOOK ON JULY 20, 1974 AS A GUARANTOR COUNTRY VERY METICULOUSLY REMAINING WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS OF POWER DERIVED FROM BEING A GUARANTOR COUNTRY. ALL FACTORS WHICH MADE THE JULY 20 OPERATION JUSTIFIED AND LEGAL CONTINUE TO EXIST MORE THAN EVER. THE PRESENT OPERATION, WHICH IS A NECESSARY CONTINUATION OF JULY 20 OPERATION IS AS MUCH LEGITIMATE AS THE LATTER."

8. " THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES ARE CONTINUING THEIR OPERATION, WHICH THEY HAD STOPPED IN ORDER TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF CYPRUS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS. THE AIM OF THIS OPERATION IS NOT TO INVADE CYPRUS. IT IS UNDERTAKEN TO SAVE CYPRUS, TO PROTECT ITS INDEPENDENCE. IT IS UNDERTAKEN IN ORDER TO BE OF ASSISTANCE IN REBUILDING THE CYPRUS STATE ON FIRMER FOUNDATION (THAN THAT) WHICH HAD BEEN DESTROYED; TO ESTABLISH CONFIDENCE IN ITS TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY; AND TO BRING PEACE, FREEDOM AND SECURITY TO CYPRUS. THE AIM OF THIS OPERATION IS TO BRING AN END TO THE LONG SUFFERINGS OF CYPRIOT TURKS AND TO CREATE THE POSSIBILITY FOR THEM TO LIVE UNDER HUMAN CONDITIONS AND IN FREEDOM ON THEIR OWN LAND."

9. "WHEN THIS OPERATION IS CONCLUDED, THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WILL HAVE A LASTING TRANQUILITY AND PEACE ALONG WITH THE TURKISH POPULATION OF CYPRUS. THIS OPERATION IS NOT AGAINST GREECE AND IS NOT AGAINST THE GREEK CYPRIOT POPULATION. OUR GOAL IS TO MAINTAIN THE BALANCE  
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WE WILL ESTABLISH ON THE ISLAND THROUGH COOPERATION WITH GREECE AND GREEK CYPRIOTS UNDER EQUAL CONDITIONS. MAY GOD GRANT SUCCESS TO THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES IN THIS PEACEFUL AND HUMANITARIAN OPERATION."

10. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WILL FOLLOW.  
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